Agenda:

- 1. Meeting: Called to order by Chairman Tom Johnson at 6:34 pm.
- 2. <u>Roll Call</u>: Present: Chairman Tom Johnson, Supervisor Scott Luostari, Mark Saari, Treasurer Tracy Ruppe (arriving late), Miina Helske, Amy Elliot, Christine Ostern and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepper, absent Supervisor Jon Winter due to current election.
- 3. <u>Amended Agenda</u>: Tom motioned to amend the agenda to allow Christine & Amy to make their presentation on Farmland Preservation, Scott seconded, carried 6:35 pm.
 - a. Farmland losses are increasing, the State is looking for ways to formalize the farmland process. Maps were presented to show where/what is currently designated as farmland, as well as potential increases. Everything is still a work in progress, starting at the ground floor. The State may possibly give tax incentives for anything agri-business related. Suggestion was made to revisit Town Comprehensive Plan, there would need to be more information presented and discussion needed before the Town pursued that or any other options. Ruth Ann left at this time (7:52 pm) to complete the election duties, Scott took over minute taking at this point in the meeting.
- 4. <u>County Supervisor</u>: Scott-Extension meeting 8/17, County Board 8/18, Tri County Corridor 9/1. Zoning-nothing on the town, one of the agenda items is to repeal & recreate Shoreline Zoning process. Admin Committee-Sales tax down 14%, new signage to be placed on Belknap once reconstruction is finished.

 Transportation-Approved 2017 aid to Bridges totaling \$97,915. Should be receiving a letter from the highway superintendent to Chairman and Clerks regarding future road repair. "Just fix it" county invited to host a press conference, date is Sept 29 @ 7 pm in the Government center.
- 5. Town board reports: none
- 6. Approval of minutes: Scott motioned to have the 7/12 town meeting minutes approved, Tom seconded.
- 7. <u>Treasurer report:</u> Tracy presented August balances, Tom motioned to accept, Scott seconded.
- 8. <u>Confirmation of July revenues and expenses</u>: Tom made a motion to approve the July checks 20986–21029 + EFT's, Scott seconded.
- 9. <u>Current bills for payment</u>. Checks 21030-21048 presented for payment approval. Tom motioned to accept, Scott seconded.
- 10. Correspondence
 - a) Fire Inspection report

Department and Committee Reports

- 11. Fire department: Holding report for September meeting.
- 12. <u>Town Employees/Roads</u>: Mark- roads in good shape. Old John Deere lawn mower to be posted for bids in 3 places, also rescue to be posted in the same manner, responses to be due back by 9/9 and opened at next board meeting. Edstrom road fixed, pulled in shoulders and graded, currently we have applied 8 loads of gravel on the road. Shop budget is currently slightly over, but they are way under in fuel costs. Collection site dumpsters need to be locked again. An Amnicon resident is currently illegally using the site, the board will determine the action to be taken.
- 13. Building permits and zoning issues:
 - a) Gary & Linda Ayers, the Town has no objections to their property split, Tom motioned and Scott seconded to that effect.
 - b) Regulation of game farms and hunting preserves in Douglas County.

Public comment:

Public may comment on agenda items or items that may be added for future town board meeting. The comment for each speaker will be limited to (2) minutes or longer at board discretion. Personal attacks are unacceptable and will be handled appropriately.

none

Old Business

- 14. <u>Dumonson property:</u> ongoing
- 15. Other old business: none

New business

- 16. <u>Snowplowing letter:</u> Change-for receipt include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Motion to accept made by Tom, seconded by Scott.
- 17. CenturyLink: plan to run line down center of Berglund road & Old Hwy 13

Motion to adjourn made by Scott seconded by Tom meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Ruth Ann D Schnepper, Clerk 8/28/2016

Location: Town Hall, Collection Site, FD, online

These minutes are posted as unapproved